

RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC APPROVAL APPLICATION
DECATUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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OFFICE HOURS THE HEALTH SPECIALIST'S HOURS ARE 8:00 A.M.
TO 4:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. PLEASE
CALL AHEAD BEFORE COMING IN AS THE HEALTH
SPECIALIST MAY BE IN THE FIELD.

NEW SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION

**THE FOLLOWING STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE SEPTIC APPROVAL
CAN BE GIVEN.**

1. COMPLETE PAGES 2-4 OF THIS APPLICATION AND RETURN TO
THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. YOU MUST PROVIDE ALL
INFORMATION REQUESTED OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE
REJECTED.
2. HAVE SOIL TEST COMPLETED, COURTESY LIST OF APPROVED
SOIL SCIENTISTS IS ENCLOSED. ASK THE SCIENTIST TO
MAIL OR FAX A COPY TO THE HEALTH DEPT.
3. HAVE SEPTIC INSTALLER CONTACT THIS OFFICE TO DISCUSS
SEPTIC REQUIREMENTS. THE INSTALLER MUST SUBMIT A
PLAN DRAWING OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM.
4. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006, THERE IS A \$50.00 SEPTIC
PERMIT FEE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION ONLY.

REPAIR OF EXISTING SEPTIC SYSTEM

1. COMPLETE STEPS 1 AND 3 LISTED ABOVE.
2. THIS OFFICE CAN PERFORM THE REQUIRED SOIL TEST OR
YOU CAN HIRE A PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTIST. A LIST
OF SOIL SCIENTISTS IS ENCLOSED.
3. IF YOU MUST OBTAIN AN OFF-LOT EASEMENT FOR ANY PART OF
THE SEPTIC SYSTEM, A COPY OF THE EASEMENT MUST BE
SUBMITTED TO US BEFORE A REPAIR PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.
4. SEPTIC REPAIR PERMIT ISSUED WHEN INFORMATION IS
APPROVED.

**YOU SHOULD STAKE OFF OR SET ASIDE THE APPROVED SEPTIC AREA TO
PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE SITE. SEPTIC APPROVAL IS BASED ON THE
EXISTING SOIL CONDITIONS WHEN THE TEST WAS TAKEN. ADDITION OR
REMOVAL OF SOILS, COMPACTION, SCRAPING OR BEING DRIVEN OVER
EXCESSIVELY WILL REQUIRE THE AREA TO HAVE TO HAVE A NEW SOIL
TEST.**

**SINCE THERE IS ONLY ONE SEPTIC INSPECTOR IN THE COUNTY, MAKE
SURE YOUR INSTALLER CALLS BEFORE BEGINNING WORK. THIS ENSURES
HE OR SHE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE REQUIRED INSPECTION.**